
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H 5714 WAS POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 13, 2021

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5166](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED {LC137/1} (Requires that enrollees in the Rhode Island best RX Prescription drug discount program for the uninsured are not charged a copay for their prescriptions.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5449](#)

BY McGaw, Morales, Henries, Cortvriend, Potter, Tanzi, Batista, Felix, Baginski, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC238/1} (Requires auditor general to conduct audit of Medicaid programs administered by MCOs.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5542](#)

BY Ajello, Ackerman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hull, Chippendale, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1004/1} (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase income disregards for certain Medicare programs.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5628](#)

BY Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, Potter, McGaw, Tanzi, Henries, J Lombardi, Felix, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM {LC686/1} (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program which shall be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP))

02/19/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5714](#)

~~BY Morales, Williams, Hull, Giraldo, Barros, Alzate, Tobon, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH~~
~~CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1720/1} (Expands the Rite Track~~
~~Program to provide health care coverage to children up to age nineteen (19) funded by federal~~
~~funds, if available, or if not available, by state funds.)~~

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance~~

~~05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5715](#)

BY Barros, Messier, Morales, Handy, Alzate, Shanley, Fogarty, Carson, Amore, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUGARY DRINKS {LC1573/1} (Creates
a tax on sugary drinks with the intent of discouraging excessive consumption of those beverages
and would create a dedicated revenue source for programs designed to benefit public health.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/26/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5787](#)

BY Cassar, Ajello, Craven, Donovan, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kislak, Knight, Carson, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EQUALITY
IN ABORTION COVERAGE {LC499/1} (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program
and repeal the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5788](#)

BY Cassar, Costantino, Bennett, Casey, Kislak, McGaw, Ajello, Donovan, Baginski, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND PAY FOR SUCCESS ACT {LC507/1} (Establishes a pay for success program to raise
funds from non-state government investors to pay for addressing social challenges. If there are
positive results, the state would repay the investors with interest.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5790](#)

BY Tanzi, Cassar, Alzate, Slater, Morales, McGaw, Potter, Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR
ELDERLY AND DISABLED {LC814/1} (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical
assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one
hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of federal poverty level.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5794](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC1800/1} (Directs EOHHS to implement process for determining fees/reimbursement rates for non-emergency medical transportation service/sets \$147 fee per trip/\$1.50 per mile/certificate of need required after 7/1/21 .)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5809](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE

PERCENTAGE OF INCOME HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY ACT {LC1525/1} (Creates the Percentage of Income Home Energy Affordability Program, an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5811](#)

BY Tanzi, Kislak, Cassar, Speakman, Alzate, Felix, Henries, Morales, Slater, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES {LC1578/1} (Requires the participation and input of the EOHHS, DHS, DCYF and BHDDH in medical assistance and public assistance caseload estimating conferences and the generation of monthly data to the members of the case load estimating conference.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5848](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC1775/1} (Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided qualifying eligible recipients for community based care.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6035](#)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2179/1} (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2022, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [6046](#)

BY Henries, Cassar, J Lombardi, Morales, Kazarian, Potter, Amore, Alzate, Fogarty, Tanzi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND STATE AUDITOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT OR OVERSEE A STUDY OR AUDIT ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF RHODE ISLAND'S MEDICAID PROGRAMS {LC1152/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6073](#)

BY Henries, J Lombardi, Alzate, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL RENT AND MORTGAGE CANCELLATION ACT OF 2021 {LC682/1} (Forgives rent for tenants and mortgage payments for small homeowners from the date of a declared health emergency by the governor until the expiration of ninety (90) days after the governor declares that the state of emergency has ended.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6075](#)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Henries, Ajello, Casey, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC2325/1} (Extends the benefits given to eligible women under title XIX state plan commencing for twelve (12) months after one month post-birth.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [6234](#)

BY P Morgan, Slater, Messier, Price, Nardone, Shallcross Smith, Giraldo, Kazarian, Shanley, Baginski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) FOR THE BENEFIT OF RHODE ISLAND FREE CLINIC {LC2658/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the Rhode Island Free Clinic.)

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6255](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Noret, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC2697/1} (Under RI Works program, amends definition of dependent child, exclude veteran's disability pension benefits from determination of family resources or income when determining eligibility for the RI Works program, extends child care assistance.)

04/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6268](#)

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Alzate, Cassar, Giraldo, Felix, Amore, Potter, Ajello, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC2690/1} (Increases reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers over a five (5) year period. The minimum increase per year would be four percent (4%) resulting in a total increase of twenty-three and four tenths percent (23.4%).)

04/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/10/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised live on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HFIN.aspx> .**

VERBAL TESTIMONY

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

***DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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